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CIA Shouldn't Have Foreign Policy Role,

The United States has no choice but to maintain an extensive intelligence network around the world to combat Communist spies. It's a dirty game, but America won't survive the battle against communism unless we play it their way, and well.

The nature of intelligence work is such that it can't be done in a goldfish bowl. The less known about what the Central Intelligence Agency is doing in some fields, the bette for our side.

The difficulty in a democracy comes when intelligence agencies take on a role beyond that of ferreting out information and become involved in setting foreign policy.

This happened, to some extent, in last year's U2 troubles. It certainly seemed true in the Cuban debacle, where the CIA apparently led the organizing and training of anti-Castro forces. Now it's rumored (despite U.S. denials) that the CIA encouraged the revolt of the French generals.

President Kennedy has reactivated an intelligence watch-dog board formed under the Eisenhower administration, and headed by Dr. James R. Killian Jr. A move to set up a Congressional supervisory committee is also being made.

Until there's assurance—that—the CIA is sticking strictly to gumshoe activities and is not in conflict with government agencies charged with making foreign policy, such controls seem necessary.